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One of the most popular tourist stops in Pocahontas County is the National Radio Astronomy Observatory at Green Bank, where they have those giant dishes pointed at the sky. Whenever I drive past I wonder if they are hearing anything or communicating with anybody.

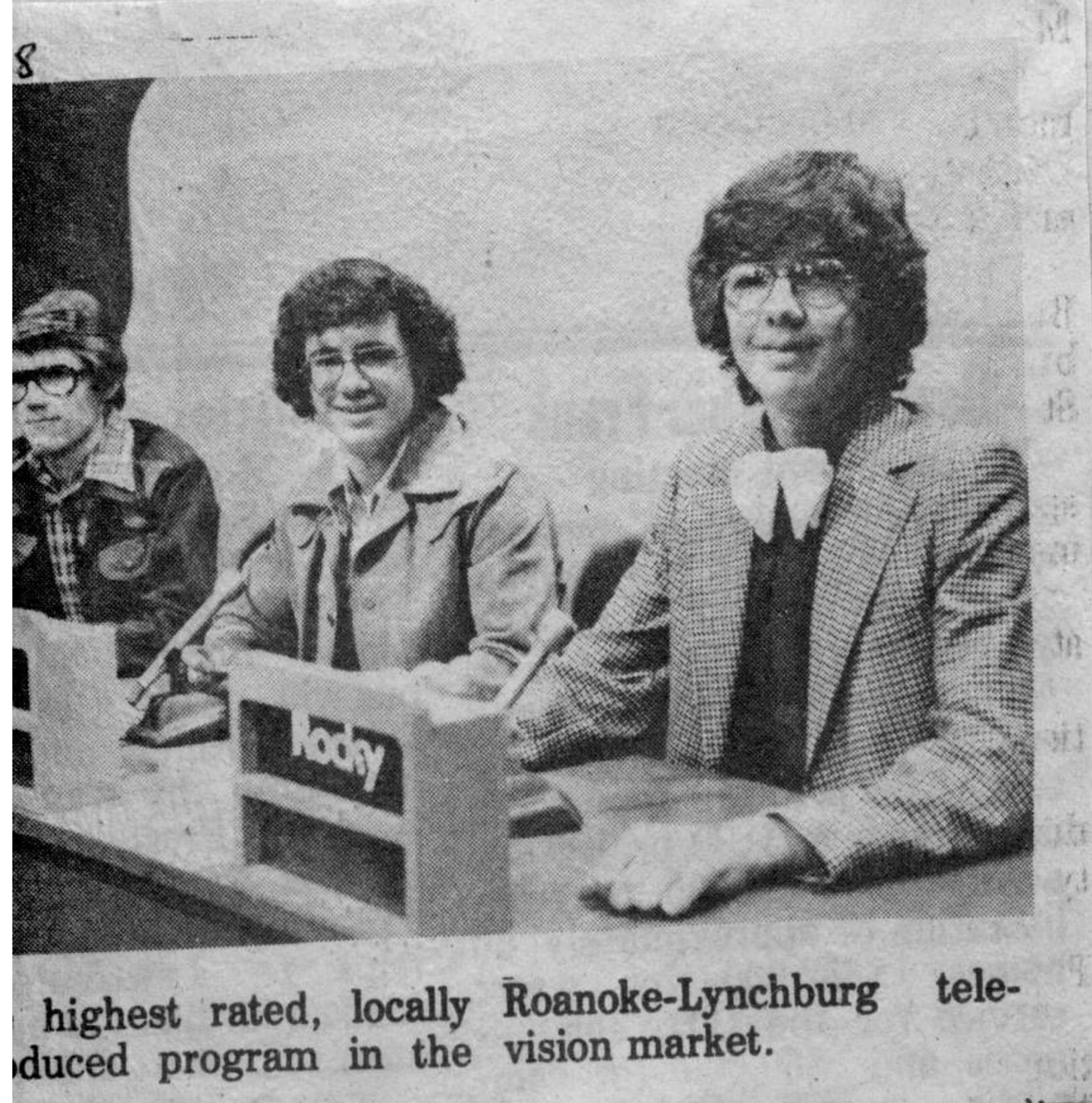
Cal Price, the late and legendary editor of the Pocahontas Times, would have loved the observatory. He believed there were mountain lions still roaming the backwoods of Pocahontas County, and he would have believed there are beings out there somewhere waiting for messages from Green Bank. And he might be right on both counts.

DRIVING OVER Kennison Mountain on W.Va. 39 — one of the most scenic drives in the state — we saw people along the road picking up litter. We were told this is a twice-yearly effort of the Cherry River chapter of the Izaak Walton League, in cooperation with the Department of Highways, the Richwood High School Ecology Club and other volunteer help.

They clean the 25-mile stretch between Richwood and the Cranberry Mountain Visitors Center prior to the spring and fall nature tours sponsored by the Richwood Chamber of Commerce. This year is their 10th year of cleanup.

Perhaps other organizations around the state will want to adopt a stretch of highway to keep clean.

The Richwood people are looking forward to the day the first arrest is made under the new littering law, and the culprit is sentenced to helping them pick up beer and soft drink cans.



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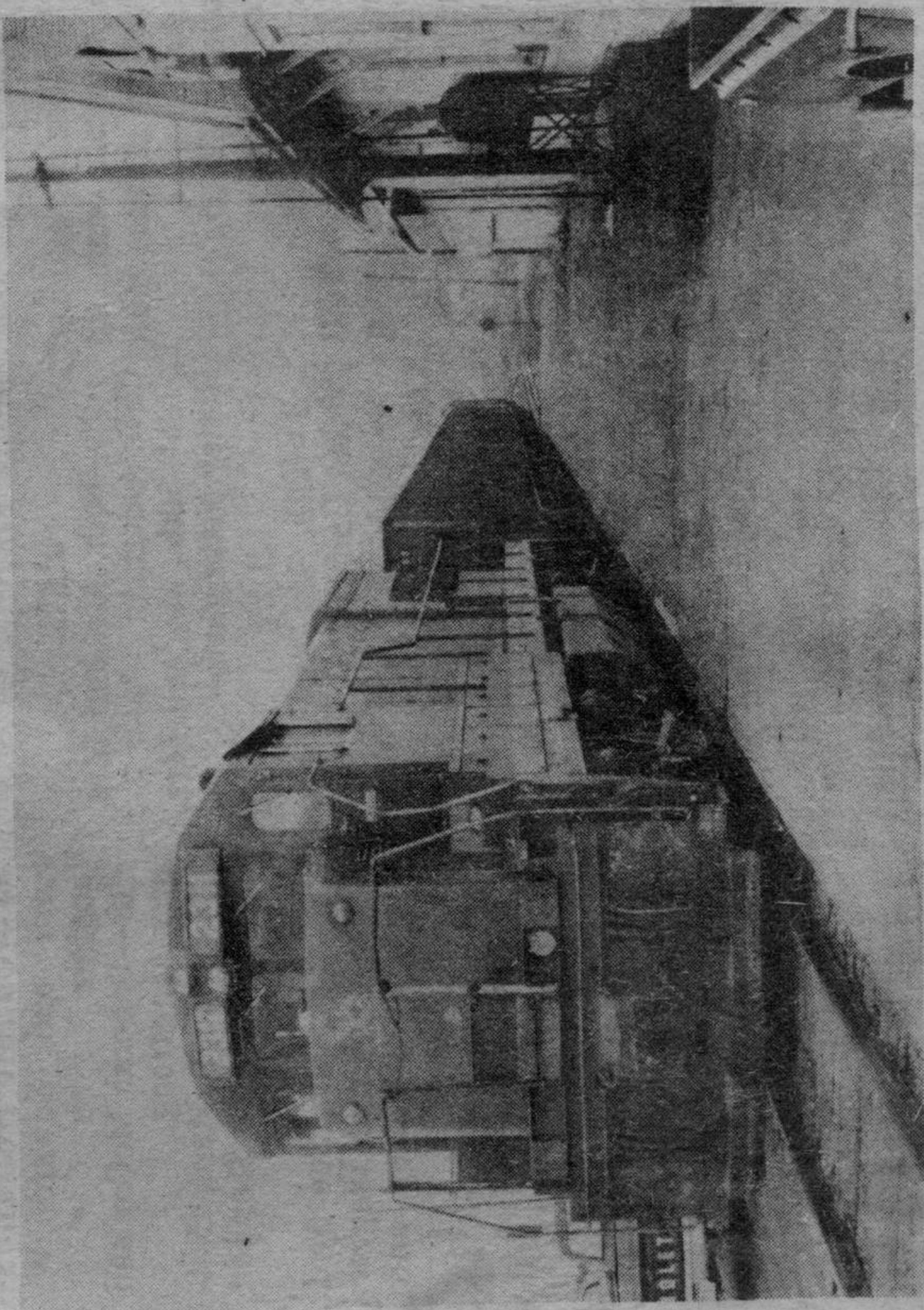
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The crew on this last trip were L. R. Ratliff, Conductor, W. W. Bulmer, Engineer, J. L. Ryan, Brakeman, and W. C. Cole, Brakeman. Also riding the train were E. G. Woodson, Trainmaster, and Paul McLaughlin, Track Supervisor, both from Clifton Forge.

The line was officially abandoned on Friday, December 29, and on that day the last two active stations on the line, Durbin and Marlinton, closed their doors for the last time. The final agents were Ray Looney at Durbin and Paul Bowden at Marlinton.

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We have no information at this time as to when the track will be taken up.



Frankford. Funeral services were Wednesday afternoon in Wednesdays Funeral Home by Greenleaf Funeral Home by Rev. John S. Hooper, of Haddon, with burial in Grove Cemetery.

Berlin Cooper, Jacob Berlin Cooper, died Sunday, October 7, 1979, at St. Hospital in Buckhannon, formerly lived near Mill Creek, W. and Hyppes Ca 26, 1903, he was the son of W. and W. Cooper, two sons, James Cooper, Mrs. Georgia Moore Cooper, wife, Indiana, Lewis Cobia, two daughters, two sons, James Cooper, Buckhannon; two daughters, Uva Coffman, Buckhannon; seven grandchildren; a sister, Helen Lee Dell P

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Born August 18, 1893
Was the son of George M.
Hoebel Adkinson Sheets.
Mr. Sheets was a re
tainer, former Assessor,
County Commissioner of
Abontas County, and a
member of the Hillsboro Meth
odist Church.
He was married on June
915, to Maude Louden
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Linton, and Mrs. Ruth E.
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Mrs. Mary A. Dahmer, 93, of Maxwelton, Greenbrier County, died Monday at home after a short illness. She was a member of Clifton Presbyterian Church. Surviving: daughter, Miss Ruth Dahmer at home; sons, Sterling at home, Stanley of Roanoke, Va., Eugene of Charles Town; sister, Mrs. Margaret Gartren of Newport News, Va. Service will be 2 p.m. today in Clifton Presbyterian Church, Maxwelton, with Dr. Thomas Apperson officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. The family requests contributions be made to the Clifton Presbyterian Church Building Fund. Jack K. Wallace funeral Home, Lewisburg, is in charge of arrangements.

DAVID CROCKETT ROSE, 94, of Oconto County, died Wednesday, March 7, 1979, in Denison State Hospital, after a long illness. Mr. Rose was the son of the late Andy and Sarah Rose. He was a retired farmer and woodsman. He was survived by eight children: Hubert Rose, Bertha Wilson, and Nellie Scott, all of Hillsboro; Gladys Kershner, of Droop, and Vada Anderson, of Marlinton; Zeldon Rose, of Ansted; and Harold Cose, of Shawnee, Ohio; Edna Rose, of Columbus, Ohio; and Manuel Cemetery on Brushy Creek. The Rev. J. D. Arbuckle officiated. Funeral services were held in the VanReenen Funeral Home on Friday at two p.m., with the Rev. J. D. Arbuckle officiating. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery on Brushy Creek. His wife, Nancy Lewis Rose, in 1969.

Surviving are his widow Clar-
ice Kenison Kellis Jr of Hills-
boro and daughter, Mrs. Robert
B. White of Honolulu, Hawaii.
Service will be at 3 p.m. Mon-
day at the Oak Grove Presby-
terian Church here with the
Rev. Cecil Dalton officiating.
Burial will be at Oak Grove
Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family
suggests donations be made to
the Oak Grove Presby-
Church Building Fund.

The body is at the Va-
General Home at Mar-
tineau.

He started his long coaching career at Wheeling High School and then moved into the college ranks at West Virginia Wesleyan, Marietta (Ohio), College, William & Mary College, University, Richmond University, Virginia Tech, and Washington & Jefferson College, Philadelphia League teams, the Football League Eagles and the Philadelphia Eagles and the old Chicago Cardinals. After coaching, Kellison was elder emeritus of the Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, and did some farming in his native Pocahontas County. He was a veteran of World War I and a Mason.

HILLSBORO—A former high school, collegiate and profess- ional football coach, John Snowden Kellison, 84, of Hills- boro, died here Friday in Po- montas Memorial Hospital.

At Age 84

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Services were held Wednesday at Emmanuel Church day at Emmanuel Church day at Emmanuel Church Revs. Owen Lee, Charles Lounsbury and Leonard Arnold. Graveside services were held by Ode Fellows. Burial was in Brush Creek Cemetery.

He was born on Bruffey's
Creek August 23, 1900, the son
of Henry Mason and Nancy
Miles Walton Vaughan.

A retired farmer, he was a member of Wesley Methodist Church and of the Lobelia Odd Fellows.

Milton Vaughn, 79, of Hillsboro, died Sunday, December 1979, at home after a long illness.

Surviving him are his wife, Mrs. Maud Barnes Bumgardner; a brother, Kenneth R. Bumgardner, Tampa, Florida, and a sister, Mrs. Florence Bumgardner, of a Bumgardner, "Bum-
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Jacob Berlin Cooper, 76, of Buckhannon, died Sunday, October 7, 1979, at St. Joseph Hospital in Buckhannon. He formerly lived near Mill Point. He was a retired carpenter. Born at Arbovale September 26, 1903, he was the son of Walter W. and Hypes Cooper. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Georgia Moore Cooper; two sons, James Cooper, Velobia, Indiana, Lewis Cooper, and Myrtle O'Dell, Dunbar; Uva Coffman, Buckhannon; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Helen Lee Dell Page.

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He was married on June 16, 1915, to Maude Loudermilk, and to this union were born three daughters, Mrs. Gladys Richards, of Huntington, Mrs. Geraldine McLoughlin, of Marion, and Mrs. Ruth Bevier. Auton, and Mrs. Ruth Bevier. preceding him in death were his first wife and eleven half-brothers and sisters and two great-grandchildren.

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Sacred Heart Hospital of an
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Born February 2, 1907, in
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of the late I. B. and Blanche
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Mr. Shrader was a retired
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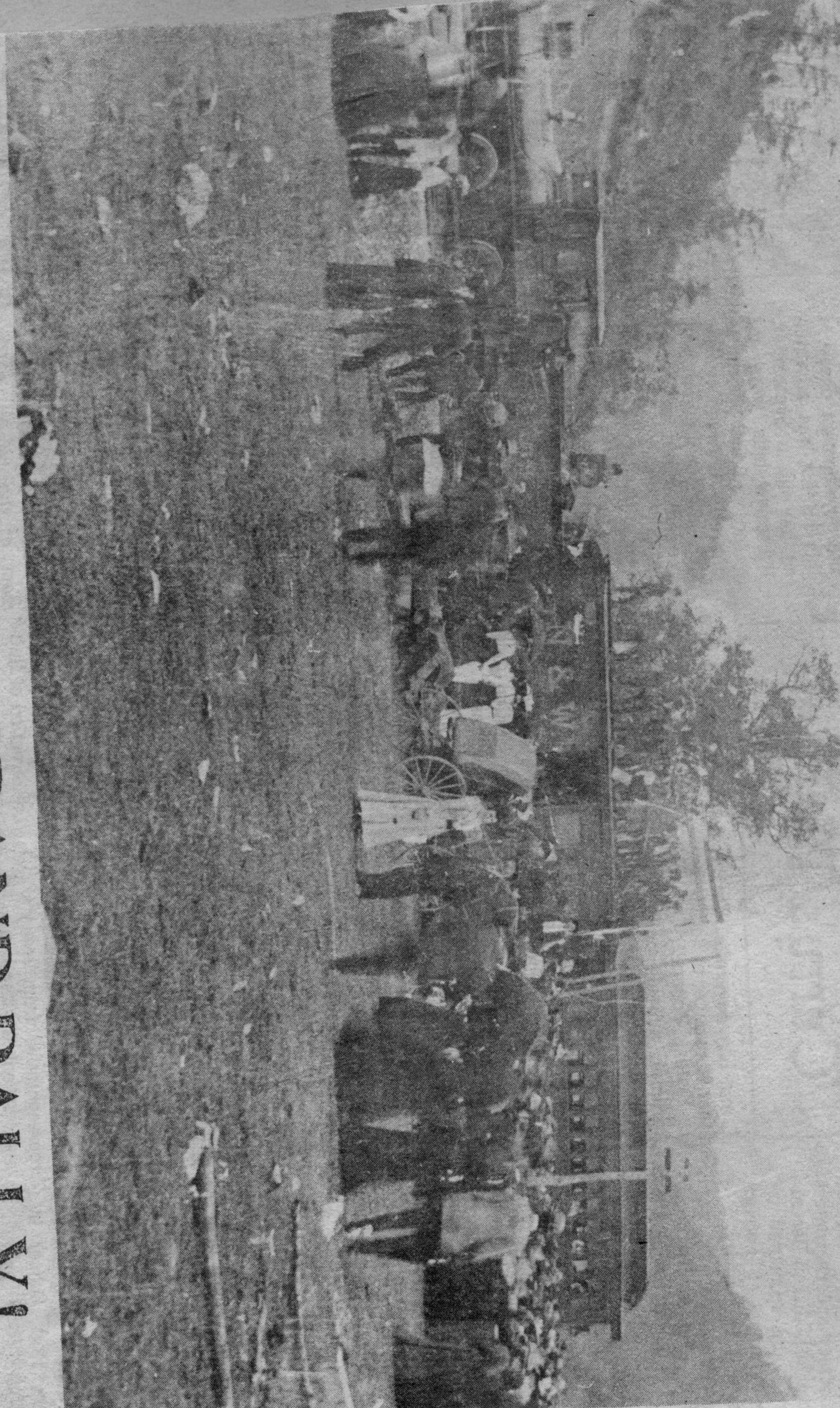
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Fete Day in Marlinton
(October 26, 1900)

While no special committee had been appointed to consult with the weather prophets in the selection of a day for the rally no more happy selection could have been made. Conveyances of all kinds commenced to arrive at an early hour and by noon an immense crowd had assembled, horses filling all the livery stables, alleys and side streets of the town. The ox had been roasting from an early hour and when the time had come when the Injin ate the wood chuck there were many mouths ready to devour him. The special train bringing the band from Rocky Point arrived about one o'clock, this attracted many people to the railroad and some of the small youngsters had their first ride. A parade was formed and the speaker of the day, Sen. N. C. McNeil, was escorted to the speakers stand from which an appropriate address of welcome, happy descriptions of the past and prophecies for the future were made by the jovial Senator. At the close of the speech Ye Knights of the Tournament formed in gallant array marched to the course. The competitors for the saddle and honor of crowning a Queen of Love and Beauty were Messrs. Clark, McLaughlin, Dr. Marshall, Galford, King, and Smith.

W. D. Clark won the first prize. Will Clark, owing to an infringement of the rules in carrying his lance, was given second prize.

The football game was won by Marlinton by a

GRAND RALLY!

October 26th. 1000.

October 26, 1900, the day of the big celebration in Marlinton over the completion of the C. & O. Railroad to this point. Regular passenger service to Marlinton began on December 17, 1900 [and ended on January 8, 1958].

Another date in the history of the Greenbrier Branch and not one for celebration will be the 29th of this month when the line is abandoned. We have checked with the C&O at Hinton and as far as they know now there will be a train operated that last week — up on

BARBECUE, POLO, TOURNAMENT, FOOT - BALL, CORONATION, AND